GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STUDY REGARDING EARTH-QUAKE ZONE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study, India has become a major earthquake zone;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a), (b): Sir, India is prone to various degrees of seismic activity. However, no new findings have emerged from any study which indicates that India has become a major earthquake zone.

(c): India Meteorological Department, the nodal agency for monitoringseismic activity maintains a national network of 57 seismological observatories in the country. In addition, numerous scientific studies and other R&D activities are carried out by a large number of institutions in the country to constantly improve our understanding of earthquake processes and levels of preparedness.